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Serial No. 09/813,967

Group: 1746

Filed: March 22, 2001

Examiner: Winter

For: ELECTRODE FOR ALKALINE STORAGE BATTERY AND METHOD OF  
MANUFACTURING THE SAME

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July 23, 2003

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

AMENDMENT

Responsive to the Official Action dated April 23, 2003, please amend the  
above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE ABSTRACT**

Please amend the Abstract as follows:

a | An electrode for the alkaline storage battery ~~according to this invention~~ includes a binding agent containing thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin. Since the thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin is non-aqueous, it ~~will be~~ is not dissolved into ~~water~~ moisture in the air or the alkaline electrolyte within the battery. ~~In this case, the removal of the active material during the process of manufacturing the electrode or within the battery can be prevented by any of the techniques of~~ The electrode is prepared by immersing the an active-material-applied or -filled electrode substrate in the a solution of in which the thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin is dissolved; immersing it in the an emulsion of the thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin with an emulsifier; and or applying or filling a slurry of the active material slurry with the an emulsion of the thermoplastic xylene-formaldehyde resin to or in the electrode substrate. Thus, the electrode can provided which is free from removal of an retains the active material using a binding agent which is has excellent adhesion to the active material and gives a imparts high binding capacity of the active materials with one another.

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT/LETTER**

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☒ **Correspondence Address Indication Form Attached.**

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Independent claims after amendment	1	minus highest number		
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☐ Applicant claims "small entity" status. ☐ Statement filed herewith

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